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SUBJECT: SHAIKH ZAYID COMMENTS TO PRESS ON US MIDEAST POLICY

1. UAE PRESS AND TELEVISION AUGUST 13 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO INTERVIEW GIVEN BY UAE PRESIDENT SHAIKH ZAYID TO REPORTER OF LEBANESE ARABIC WEEKLY AL-HAWADITH. IN INTERVIEW ZAYID STRESSED THAT PALESTINIANS ARE CRUX OF MIDEAST PROBLEM AND THAT ANY PEACE TALKS IN GENEVA WOULD BE DOOMED TO FAILURE IF PALESTINIANS WERE NOT INVITED TO ATTEND AND THEIR RIGHT TO THEIR HOMELAND NOT ACKNOWLEDGED. ON OTHER HAND "A NEW SITUATION WILL ARISE" IF ISRAEL RECOGNIZES PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

2. ASKED ABOUT PESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION ON A
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PALESTINIAN HOMELAND, ZAYID SAID THAT "IF A NEW MIDDLE EAST WAR BREAKS OUT, IT WILL NOT BE CONFINED TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE US SHALL BEAR THE RE-SPONSIBILITY FOR IT." HE WENT ON TO EXPRESS WONDER WHY US RISKS ITS INTERESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD BY TREATING ISRAEL AS IF IT WERE THE EQUAL TO 130 MILLION ARABS.

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3. COMMENT: ZAYID'S REMARKS ON US RESPONSIBILITY IF PEACE EFFORTS FAIL AND ARAB-ISRAELI FIGHTING RESUMES WERE GIVEN PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SATURDAY NIGHT TV NEWS BROADCAST, BOTH ENGLIGH AND ARABIC. SHOULD BE NOTED THAT EDITORIALS IN UAE ARABIC PRESS HAVE FOLLOWED SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AREA WITH GROWING DEGREE OF PESSIMISM, INCLUDING OBSERVATIONS THAT GAP BETWEEN US AND ARAB POSITIONS APPEARED TO BE WIDENING. LOCAL PRESS ALSO SKEPTICAL THAT EITHER US OR ISRAEL PREPARED TO ABANDON THEIR "RIGIDITY" ON KEY ISSUES OF PALESTINIAN HOMELAND AND RESTORATION OF JUNE 1967 BORDERS SUFFICIENTLY TO MAKE ARAB ACCEPT-TANCE OF SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS POSSIBLE. AT SAME TIME PRESS CONTINUES TO STRESS THAT ARABS HAVE NOT CLOSED DOOR FINALLY IN FACE OF US MEDIATION EFFORTS AND THAT IT IS UP TO US TO RECOGNIZE THAT ITS INTERESTS IN MIDEAST REQUIRE IT TO PRESS ISRAELI LEADERS HARDER TO COMPROMISE ON KEY ISSUES.
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